Adhyāya II

713. May you sing the glory of that resplendent Lord, who accepts all your oblations, who subdues all enemies, who is the performer of hundreds of selfless deeds, the most liberal of all men.

714. Proclaim that divine force as the resplendent supreme, who is invoked by all, praised by all, and who is worthy of songs and is renowned as eternal.

715. May the respledent one, who rejoices everyone of us, be the giver of abundant riches; may He, the mighty, bring riches to the devotees who pray with humility.

716. O friends, sing a delightful hymn to praise the resplendent Lord, the supreme master of vital powers and the acceptor of devotional love.

717. Let us chant in praise of the bounteous Lord such hymns as other men of wisdom have ever been singing; let us offer chants to Him who is truth personified.

718. O resplendent Lord, may you be the winner of nourishment for us; O the performer of hundreds of benevolent works, may you be the winner of cattle for us. O the winner of wealth, be the winner of gold or goat and sheep for us.

719. O resplendent Lord, we implore you as your devoted friends, for the same purpose, as the most wise men praise you with sacred hymns.

720. O wielder of the bolt of justice, certainly I never sing songs in the praise of anyone else, other than yourself, while celebrating any occasion, or contemplating any thought.

721. Nature's bounties favour those who are active in work and do not indulge in sleep. They bless those who are not drowsy and who realize the ecstasy of joy.

722. Let the songs of praises expressed to the exhilarated one be effectual on every side, O our resplendent Lord. May the poets sing the songs of praises.

723. The prayers are ever recited in favour of the resplendent Lord whom alone we invoke. All the glories rest in Him and in His domain, all the seven senses rejoice.

724. In the three regions, or during three catastrophic deluges, nature's bounties extend their cosmic sacrifices that inspire sacrificial acts in minds of men. May our laudations strengthen His glory and promote our sacrifices.

725. O Lord of resplendence, here is your devotional love, well sanctified. May you come speedily hither and cherish our affection.

726. O glorious Creator, O glorious in adoration, the libation is for your rejoicement; O destroyer of foes, you are earnestly invoked.

727. We meditate on this mighty showerer Sun, who neither falls down, nor lets other luminaries fall, — thus it is the preserver of all the realms of our universe.

728. O resplendent Lord, a possessor of the large & mighty hand, may you fetch for us with your right hand manifold, marvellous and nutritious food.

729. We know, you are the achiever of many great deeds, the bestower of many gifts, the lord of ample wealth, and vast in measure for the ample protections you give.

730. O victorious lord, when you wish to give, neither divine bodies nor men can refrain you, just as it becomes difficult to face a ferocious bull.

731. When the prayers are repeated, I pour out the libation to you, O showerer, for your acceptance. May you accept it to your satisfaction and enjoy the exhilarating elixir of devotion.

732. Let not the fools or those who mock, beguile you, when they seek your protection; may you not favour the unbelievers and Godless.

733. Let the worshippers exalt you here with sweet devotion and sincere dedication for the attainment of munificence. May you drink the elixir as *Gaura* deer drinks water from a pond.

734. Here is the elixir of devotion expressed, O Lord of riches, please drink it to your full satisfaction. O undaunted Lord, we offer it to greet you.

735. It (the devotional elixir) is pure as if washed by priests, pressed out with hard work and strained through the filter (of pious thoughts). It is like a courser bathed in a stream of river.

736. We make this elixir of devotion sweet for you, as the barley cereal is blended with milk; and therefore, O resplendent, I call you for an acceptance of the sacred oblation we have offered.

737. Lord of riches, deserving our praise, this nectar of sweet devotions is prepared for you with deep emotion; may you come to cherish it quickly.

738. May you be exhilarated by this devotional Love, that has been poured out as food for you. May it cheer you who loves it.

739. O resplendent Lord, may our devotional love, supplemented with prayer, work through both your flanks, and through your arms, that they distribute wealth.

740. Let us all, O friends and devotees, assemble here and offer our congregational prayer to, and repeatedly sing the glory of, the resplendent Lord.

741. Let us pour forth our heartfelt prayers in our sacred songs. Only He is the bestower of true happiness. Only He is the destroyer of evil forces.

742. May He be with us in the fulfilment of our noble desires and higher aspirations. May He come to me to give effulgence, knowledge and blessings.

743. On every occasion, in every noble work, we invoke the resplendent God, the best amongst our friends, for our protection and happiness.

744. I too invoke in right earnest the Supreme leader who creates the universe with eternal elements; our preceptors and ancestors have also been invoking the same.

745. When He listens to my invocations, He assuredly comes to me with thousands of generous bounties and benedictions.

746. As the elixir of divine love flows, the Lord of resplendence sanctifies the actions and words of the devotee for the gain of his strength, for He is Great.

747. He augments in the foremost region of heaven, the abode of Nature's bounties;He is the saviour, the most glorious and overcomer of the obstructions in the midspace (which prevent the rainfall).

748. I invoke the mighty resplendent Lord for obtaining food and strength in the battle of life. May He always remain close to us for our happiness, and be a friend for our prosperity.

749. I invoke you with this hymn, O adorable Lord, imperishable in energy, loving, wisest, unobstructed, served with such sacrifices as are free from violence and the immortal messenger of all.

750. May He harness His brilliant, all-supporting elements to his cosmic chariot, when earnestly invoked. May He be attained quickly: May the dedicated offerings of the people proceed to Him, who is the giver of abundant food, adorable, and the doer of great deeds.

751. The daughter of heaven is everywhere seen, advancing and sending forth her lustre. She drives away the deep darkness, so that objects be visible to our eyes. She is the kind guide of every man, when she diffuses light.

752. At the same time, the Sun sends forth his rays, and while ascending, renders the plants luminous. So, O dawns, upon your manifestation, as well as that of the sun, may we attain the share of divine sustenance allotted to us.

753. These pious praises glorify you, O radiant twin-divines, at the break of day. I invoke you, who are rich in power and action for preservation; for, house by house, you visit every individual.

754. O leaders of ceremonies, you are possessed of marvellous wealth; bestow it upon him who sincerely praises you. With your attitudes alike and favourable, may both of you direct your chariot to us and cherish our sweet loving homage.

755. According to the traditional reputation, the invokers effuse this brilliant and pure fluid, the giver of penetrating insight that grants a thousand gifts.

756. Like the Sun, it (the divine elixir) is the supervisor of all acts; it hastens to the lakes (of our brain), and unites with the seven down-descending currents from the region of enlightenment.

757. After filtration and purification, the spiritual elixir of divine love shines in its splendour, and stands high over every thing in the celestial region like the Sun.

758. The green-tinted divine elixir of ancient birth flows across the ultra-psychic fleecy-filter for the enjoyment of Nature's bounties.

759. It, when effused with holy hymns, flows in a stream; it is divine in its own nature and flows for the divine forces.

760. Milking forth the eternal fluid, this elixir is poured into the ultra-psychic filter and there with a roar, it generates divine virtues.

761. May you bring near to us those who stand aloof, may you strike terror into our foes; O pure flowing elixir, please transfer their riches to us.

762. Only fragmentary: अपो षु जातमातुरम् - Rv. IX. 61.13. [Sent nearly by sacred waters, i.e., the *vasatīvarī* (waters), Nature's bounties approach this divine elixir nearby, which is well-born (vigorous and noble) and is the demolisher (of evils) — the one adorned with milk and curds].

763. Only fragmentary: उपासो गायता नरः - Rv. IX. 11.1. [Sing, you, O leaders of ceremonies, your songs to him, is to the glory of this pure-flowing drop of divine love. It is keen to offer worship to Nature's bounties]; (the verses are chanted whilst the juice is being extracted).

764. The conscientious drops of divine love rush along like waves of water or like buffaloes to forests.

765. The brown bright drops flow with force to the pitchers with a stream of divine ambrosia; they pour fourth food accompanied with kine (or milk products).

766. The effused elixir of divine Love proceeds to Nature's bounties, such as the Sun, the wind, the ocean, the moving clouds and to the cosmos.

767. O divine elixir, like rivers feeding an ocean, you are fed with water for the joy of Nature's bounties; full of joy to the extreme, you move towards the honey-dropping pitcher, meant to stock the spiritual liquor of bliss.

768. It is loving and affectionate like a dear son about to be decorated. The divine elixir is clad in a shining robe. Fingers of both the hands compel it to mix with streams of waters, just as a warrior drives the chariot into battle.

769. May the elixirs of divine love, full of exhilaration, be effused during all sacred performances. They rush forth for our sustenance - for us who are the organizers of sacrifice.

770. And like a swan entering its own flock, this divine ambrosia excites everyone and captures his thoughts. Like a horse bathed with waters, the divine elixir is covered with the milk of devotion (i.e. is mixed with water, milk and curds).

771. And now, the stems of the plant are crushed under pressing stones, and the fingers of triply enlightened priest effuse out the green-tinted elixir for the enjoyment of the resplendent Self.

772. For the exhilaration of organs, your streams are set free. May you flow, O elixir, with thrilling sounds and pass through the ultra-psychic filter in all directions.

773. Only fragmentary: पर्वत हर्यतो हरिः - Ṛv. IX. 106.13. [The delightful golden-hued elixir flows with rapidity into the crooked (pitchers). It provides wealth and vigour to the worshippers].

774. Only fragmentary: प्र सुन्वानस्यान्धसः - Ṛv. IX. 101.13. [Let no mortal hear the sound of the effused divine elixir; it drives off the dog, the greedy person, who is not dedicated to the public welfare. May you, the brilliant ones, drive off this villain].

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